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## Proceedings of the Club

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 28, 1900

President Brown in the chair. Eleven persons present.

The following active members were elected: Mr. Howard J. Banker, Williamsport, Pa.; Dr. Wm. Lamson, 50 East 31st Street, New York City; Mr. Roland K. Brown, 320 Broadway, New York City; Mr. R. S. Williams, New York Botanical Garden, New York City.

The scientific program consisted of a paper, by Mr. Frederick H. Blodgett, on "The Seed and Seedling of *Lilium tenuifolium* Fisch." in which the seed characters were presented in detail and with comparison with those of *Erythronium*. Interesting differences were found in the size of the *Lilium* seeds, about 93% of which germinated, the small seeds as quickly as the larger though with less vigorous subsequent growth.

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11, 1900

This meeting was held at 4 P. M. at the Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, and was preceded by a visit to the conservatories and grounds under the guidance of Dr. Britton. Dr. Rusby was in the chair and 39 persons were present; Prof. F. E. Lloyd acted as Secretary *pro tem*.

The committee on program was authorized to announce one meeting of the Club monthly, to be held at the New York Botanical Garden each month at 4 P. M.

The committee appointed November 28th to consider a proposed change in the Constitution relative to distribution of memoirs recommended the proposed change.

The program included a brief address by Prof. Charles E. Bessey, explanations by Dr. Britton of the plan of the Garden Conservatories, and the exhibition by Miss Anna M. Vail of valuable books recently added to the Garden Library.

Mr. J. E. Kirkwood presented a paper on "The Embryology of the Cucurbitaceae." Mr. R. M. Harper exhibited a very interesting series of specimens and photographs of plants from Georgia,

and gave notes on their habitat and distribution. Dr. J. K. Small described a series of tree and shrub species from the South, with critical notes. Dr. D. T. MacDougal presented notes on the bulbils of *Lysimachia terrestris*. They are formed during the latter part of the season, in the axils of many leaves, and are morphologically branches. On completing their growth they pass into rhizomes. They are killed by freezing and desiccation.

Another paper was by Dr. M. A. Howe, "Remarks on rare North American Hepaticae." The first hepatic discussed was a rare species of *Riccia*, discovered by Mr. R. M. Harper, during the past summer, at Athens, Georgia.

Dr. Howe also furnished a brief account of a collection of hepaticae, made in the Yukon Region, by Mr. R. S. Williams—a collection of much interest, inasmuch as it contained one species which appears to be entirely new, one which has not heretofore been reported from this continent, five others new to the Alaskan region, and besides these, two or three which have been rarely collected in America. The report upon Mr. Williams' hepaticae is soon to be published.

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*Secretary.*